



Citation

TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
TO THE

On-Site Inspection Agency

The On-Site Inspection Agency distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 August 1996 to 30 September 1998. During this period, the Agency continued the flawless execution of its core missions supporting four active agreements to include the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty, the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, and the Vienna Document of 1994 while playing an active role in instituting new initiatives to support the Dayton Peace Accords implementing agreements in Bosnia Herzegovina. This period also saw continued growths in international arms control efforts in the proliferation of multilateral treaties such as the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Agency personnel played key roles as experts and advisors in a multitude of international fora, including the Open Skies Treaty ratification strategy, and preparation for implementation of the Plutonium Production Reactor Agreement. Further, the Agency continued its involvement in the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program designed to assist the Commonwealth of Independent States to destroy nuclear weapons delivery systems and to reduce and control weapons of mass destruction. All of these actions ensured the extraordinarily successful fulfillment of the critical arms control objectives in the United States national security strategy. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the On-Site Inspection Agency have brought great credit to themselves and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 25th day of September 1998

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William L. B.", is positioned below the date line.

Secretary of Defense